

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF )  
LOCAL RULES OF PRACTICE )

General Order 2004-01

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ORDER ADOPTING AMENDED LOCAL RULES  
D.C.COLO.LCivR 40.1 and D.C.COLO.LCrR 50.1

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Pursuant to Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 83, and Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure 57, and after publication and an opportunity for comment, it is now

ORDERED that the following amended local rules designated D.C.COLO.LCivR 40.1 and D.C.COLO.LCrR 50.1, will become effective November 1, 2004.

**D.C.COLO.LCivR 40.1**  
**ASSIGNMENT OF CASES**

- A. Assignment in General.** Except as provided in this rule and in D.C.COLO.LCivR 8.1 and 8.2, civil cases shall be assigned to judicial officers by random draw. Work parity shall be maintained among active district judges, provided that a majority of active district judges may adjust the assignment of cases to the Chief Judge as may be necessary for the performance of the duties of that office, and may, for good cause, approve special assignment or reassignment of cases among the judicial officers of the court. All other transfers of cases from one judicial officer to another shall be subject to the Chief Judge's approval.
- B. Random Draw By Computer.** The clerk shall maintain a computerized program to assure random and public assignment of new cases on an equal basis among the judicial officers. A senior judge may decline assignment of cases and, on written notice to the Chief Judge, limit participation in the random draw by a stated percentage.
- C. Special Assignment.**
1. If the pro se plaintiff filing a new case already has a case pending or had a case terminated within 12 months of the new filing, the new case shall be assigned to the district judge who was assigned the earlier case.